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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 28, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 28, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.